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ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

A procedure for calculating a tentative engine revolution speed $Netmp1$ that satisfies both restriction to a driving force demand for a smooth change of a driving force acting on a drive shaft in response to a driver's release of an accelerator subsequent to the driver's accelerator actuation and a discharge limit $Wout$ of a battery. The procedure may also calculate a smoothed engine revolution speed $Netmp3$ for a smooth change of a revolution speed of an engine. The procedure sets the smaller between the tentative engine revolution speed $Netmp1$ and the smoothed engine revolution speed $Netmp3$ to a target revolution speed Ne^* of the engine (step S116) and controls the engine and two motors with such setting.